

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HARTLEY *et al.*

Appl. No. (CPA of 09/177,387)

Filed: October 23, 1998

For: **Recombinational Cloning Using  
Nucleic Acids Having  
Recombination Sites**



Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Yucel, I.

Atty. Docket: 0942.2850004/RWE/BJD

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**Request for Personal Interview in a Continuing Application  
Under MPEP § 706.07(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a personal interview with the Examiner in the above-captioned application, prior to a first action on the merits. Since a Continued Prosecution Application in this application has been filed concurrently herewith, it is believed that the Examiner may properly grant this interview under MPEP § 706.07(b). It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to schedule a personal interview in this application at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Del Buono".

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